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Period for Reply

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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *22 March 2001*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-67* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) *1-67* is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date *6/1/2004*.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is response to the application filed, on March 22, 2002. Claims 1-67 are presented for examination.

2. Applicant filed *Petition to make special under M.P.E.P. §708. 02(II) Infringement,* filed 03/04/2004. The petition to make Special is DISMISSED due to lacks of requirement.

3. Claims 1-62 of this application conflict with claim 1-62 of Application No. 10/903,623. 37 CFR 1.78(b) provides that when two or more applications filed by the same applicant contain conflicting claims, elimination of such claims from all but one application may be required in the absence of good and sufficient reason for their retention during pendency in more than one application. Applicant is required to either cancel the conflicting claims from all but one application or maintain a clear line of demarcation between the applications. See MPEP § 822.g

Double Patenting

4. A rejection based on double patenting of the "same invention" type finds its support in the language of 35 U.S.C. 101 which states that "whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process ... may obtain a patent therefor ..." (Emphasis added). Thus, the term "same invention," in this context, means an invention drawn to identical subject matter. See *Miller v. Eagle Mfg. Co.*, 151 U.S. 186 (1894); *In re Ockert*, 245 F.2d 467, 114 USPQ 330 (CCPA 1957); and *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970).

A statutory type (35 U.S.C. 101) double patenting rejection can be overcome by canceling or amending the conflicting claims so they are no longer coextensive in scope. The filing of a terminal disclaimer cannot overcome a double patenting rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. 101.

5. Claims 1-62 provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-62 of copending Application No. 10/903,623, current status is "DOCKETED NEW CASE - READY FOR EXAMINATION". This is a provisional double patenting rejection since the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented. Application No. 09/815,836 discloses claims 1-62. Application No. 10/923,836 discloses claims 1-62.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 1-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Vance et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,442,526, hereinafter, "Vance").

With respect to claims 1 and 62, Vance discloses, detecting at least one user action (SEARCH BUTTON, 370, FIG. 14C, col. 1, lines 41-65) on at least one client computer (12, personal computer, client workstation, fig. 1, col. 4, lines 1- 38, 86, fig. 4, traveler, requests searches the travel information with SEARCH BUTTON (370, FIG.

14C) after selecting travel options) and, in response, determining at least one user is searching (SEARCH BUTTON, 370, FIG. 14C, col. 11, lines 41-65) for supported information (travel information, fig. 14C); extracting query information (for instance, orientation and destination, date, time, direct flight and connection, fig. 14C) from the at least one user action (with SEARCH button, fig. 14C), wherein the query information includes at least one category of the supported information (for instance, orientation and destination, date, time, direct flight and connection, fig. 14C, see fig. 14C, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34); automatically selecting at least one supplier (one of air line, flight list, fig. 14D) of the supported information using at least one server in response to the query information (according to searching for flight by user or client, searching results are selected, fig. 14D); transferring (list of available flight displayed to user, fig. 14D from 18, database server, fig. 1, col. 4, lines 1-59) at least one query including the query information among the selected at least one supplier (one of air line, flight list, fig. 14D) via at least one network (network communication, fig. 1); and generating at least one result list (flight list, fig. 14D, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34) in response to at least one query response (by user searching, fig. 14C), wherein the at least one result list includes response information generated from the at least one query response and query status information, see (flight list, fig. 14D, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34), facilitating at least one purchase transaction comprising the at least one user purchase information, query status information (fig. 14O, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34),, and at least one electronic link (374, fig. 14S) that supports purchase of the

at least one itinerary component, see (fig. 14O, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claim 11, Vance discloses, detecting at least one user action (SEARCH BUTTON, 370, FIG. 14C, col. 1, lines 41-65) on at least one client computer (12, personal computer, client workstation, fig. 1, col. 4, lines 1- 38, 86, fig. 4, traveler, requests searches the travel information with SEARCH BUTTON (370, FIG. 14C) after selecting travel options) and, in response, determining at least one user is searching (SEARCH BUTTON, 370, FIG. 14C, col. 11, lines 41-65) for travel information (FIG. 14C, travel options); extracting at least one itinerary component from the at least one user action (fig. 14C, travel options (itinerary component) search commend issued form user); automatically selecting at least one supplier of the at least one itinerary component using at least one server (one of air line, flight list, fig. 14D); transferring at least one query among the selected at least one supplier via at least one network, (list of available flight displayed to user, fig. 14D from 18, database server, fig. 1, col. 4, lines 1-59), wherein the at least one query is a request for purchase information on the at least one itinerary component (fig. 14O, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34); and presenting the at least one user with at least one result list in response to at least one query response (list of available flight displayed to user, fig. 14D from 18, database server, fig. 1, col. 4, lines 1-59), wherein the at least one result list includes the purchase information (fig. 14O, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34), at least one electronic link to the at least one supplier (374, fig. 14S), and query status information,

and facilitating at least one purchasing transaction comprising the at least one user purchasing at least one itinerary component chosen from the at least one result list, see (fig. 14O, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34, fig 14t, fig. 14U).

With respect to claim 40, Vance discloses, at least one client computer (12, personal computer, client workstation, fig. 1, col. 4, lines 1- 38, 86, fig. 4, traveler, requests searches the travel information with SEARCH BUTTON (370, FIG. 14C) after selecting travel options), wherein at least one user action is detected (SEARCH BUTTON, 370, FIG. 14C, col. 1, lines 41-65), wherein at least one result list is presented (flight list, fig. 14D, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34); at least one server (18, database server, col. 4, lines 1- 38, 86) coupled to the at least one client computer (fig. 1), wherein at least one supplier of the at least one itinerary component is automatically selected (SEARCH BUTTON, 370, FIG. 14C, col. 11, lines 41-65, itinerary information is transferred to search engine), wherein at least one query is transferred among the selected at least one supplier via at least one network (after SEARCH BUTTON, 370, FIG. 14C, col. 11, lines 41-65, itinerary information is transferred to search engine), wherein the at least one query is a request for purchase information on the at least one itinerary component (fig. 14O, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34), wherein the at least one result list is created in response to at least one query response (fig. 14D, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34, query for itinerary results are displayed to user).

With respect to claims 60 and 61, Vance discloses, detecting at least one user action (SEARCH BUTTON, 370, FIG. 14C, col. 1, lines 41-65), on at least one client computer (12, personal computer, client workstation, fig. 1, col. 4, lines 1- 38, 86, fig. 4, traveler, requests searches the travel information with SEARCH BUTTON (370, FIG. 14C) after selecting travel options) and, in response, determining at least one user is searching for supported information, extracting query information from the at least one user action, see (fig. 14C, travel options (itinerary component) search commend issued form user); transmitting the query information to a separate search system component, see (after SEARCH BUTTON, 370, FIG. 14C, col. 11, lines 41-65, itinerary information is transferred to search engine); receiving result information from the separate search system component, wherein the result information includes at least one result list, see(fig. 14D, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34, query for itinerary results are displayed to user); and presenting the at least one result list, see(fig. 14D, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34, query for itinerary results are displayed to user).

With respect to claims 64-67, Vance discloses, receiving query information from a separate search system component (12, personal computer, client workstation, fig. 1, col. 4, lines 1- 38, 86, fig. 4, traveler, requests searches the travel information with SEARCH BUTTON (370, FIG. 14C) after selecting travel options), wherein the query information includes at least one category of supported information, see (fig. 14C, travel options (itinerary component) search commend issued form user), automatically selecting at least one supplier of the supported information, see (one of air line, flight

list, fig. 14D); transferring at least one query including the query information among the selected at least one supplier via at least one network, see (after SEARCH BUTTON, 370, FIG. 14C, col. 11, lines 41-65, itinerary information is transferred to search engine); generating at least one result list in response to at least one query response, wherein the at least one result list includes response information generated from the at least one query response and query status information, see (fig. 14D, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34, query for itinerary results are displayed to user); and transmitting result information to the separate search system component, see (fig. 14D, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34, query for itinerary results are displayed to user); wherein the result information includes the at least one result list, see (fig. 14D, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claim 2, Vance discloses, providing the at least one result list to the at least one user, see (fig. 14J, col. 11, lines 41-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claim 3, Vance discloses, at least one result list includes at least one electronic link to the selected at least one supplier, see (374, fig. 14S, col. 11, lines 41-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claims 4, 13 and 42, Vance discloses, monitoring the at least one user action by capturing Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) from a browser of the at least one client computer; comparing a root portion of the captured URL with at least

one list of strings stored by the at least one client computer; and forwarding a root-matching URL to the at least one server, wherein determinations are made whether the at least one user action is a request for the supported information and whether the at least one user action contains enough information to be the query information, see (fig. 14J, col. 11, lines 41-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claims 5 and 20, Vance discloses, establishing at least one coupling to the selected at least one supplier via the at least one network (fig. 1), wherein establishing includes at least one method selected from a group consisting of requesting at least one web page from at least one web site of the at least one supplier, and using at least one proprietary coupling among the at least one supplier and at least one intermediary database, wherein the at least one intermediary database comprises information on available inventory of the at least one supplier, see (fig. 14J, col. 11, lines 41-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claims 6 and 21, Vance discloses, establishing at least one coupling between the at least one client computer and the at least one server, wherein the at least one client computer dynamically constructs a name of the at least one server by concatenating string fragments including a string constant representing a fixed base part of a name of the at least one server, at least one random number converted into at least one character string, and a string constant representing at least one domain

in which the at least one server is located, see (fig. 14D from 18, database server, fig. 1, col. 4, lines 1-59).

With respect to claims 7, 14 and 24, Vance discloses, tracking a purchase of at least one itinerary component; and maintaining proof of the purchase, see (fig. 14O, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claims 8, 25 and 55, Vance discloses, maintaining at least one set buy tracking specifications on the at least one client computer, wherein a first portion of the buy tracking specification includes information to identify the URL of a receipt web page of the at least one supplier, wherein a second potion of the buy tracking specification includes information to identify the a portion of the content within the receipt web page to be extracted as a purchase transaction identification string, and wherein the purchase transaction identification string is used as proof of purchase transaction origination, see (fig. 14O, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claims 9 and 26, Vance discloses, performing at least one evaluation using at least one decision criteria selected from a group consisting of information from the at least one itinerary component, preferences of the at least one user, personal information on the at least one user, at least one previous search history of the at least one supplier, and at least one search history of at least one search of a

similar type and by a similar user, see (list of available flight displayed to user, fig. 14D from 18, database server, fig. 1, col. 4, lines 1-59).

With respect to claims 10 and 27, Vance discloses, performing at least one evaluation using at least one search factor selected from a group consisting of information from the at least one itinerary component, preferences of the at least one user, personal information on the at least one user, at least one previous search history of the at least one supplier, and at least one search history of at least one search of a similar type and by a similar user, see (fig. 14D, fig. 1, col. 4, lines 1-59).

With respect to claims 12 and 41, Vance discloses, one component selected from a group consisting of airline reservations, lodging reservations, and ground transportation reservations, see (fig. 14Q, fig. 1, col. 4, lines 1-59).

With respect to claim 14, Vance discloses, determining whether the at least one user action contains enough information to be the at least one itinerary component, see (FIG. 14C, col. 1, lines 41-65).

With respect to claim 15, Vance discloses, opening at least one sub-window on the browser when the at least one user action includes enough information to be the at least one itinerary, wherein the sub-window accepts entry of the at least one itinerary, see (FIG. 14C, col. 1, lines 41-65).

With respect to claim 16, Vance discloses, capturing is performed by a separate software component coupled to the browser, see (FIG. 14C, col. 1, lines 41-65).

With respect to claim 17, Vance discloses, capturing information from a third party web site when it is determined that the at least one user action contains enough information to be the at least one itinerary component, see (FIG. 14C, col. 1, lines 41-65).

With respect to claim 18, Vance discloses, updating the at least one list of strings, wherein updating includes transferring at least one updated list of strings from the at least one server, see (FIG. 14C, col. 1, lines 41-65).

With respect to claim 19, Vance discloses, one itinerary component is received from at least one server, see (FIG. 1, col. 1, lines 41-65).

With respect to claim 22, Vance discloses, providing at least one coupling among the at least one client computer and at least one electronic site from which the at least one user can purchase at least one selected itinerary component, see (FIG. 1, col. 1, lines 41-65).

With respect to claim 23, Vance discloses, one electronic site is selected from a group consisting of at least one supplier web site, at least one captive purchase web site, and at least one third party web site, see (FIG. 1, col. 1, lines 41-65).

With respect to claims 28-29, Vance discloses, sorting the at least one list using at least one sorting criteria from the at least one user on the at least one client computer, see (fig. 14D, fig. 1, col. 4, lines 1-59).

With respect to claim 30, Vance discloses, generating at least one travel request object in response to the extracted at least one itinerary component, wherein the at least one travel request object contains information on the at least one itinerary component and identifying information for the selected at least one supplier, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claim 31, Vance discloses, generating at least one travel request object in response to the extracted at least one itinerary component, wherein the at least one travel request object contains information on the at least one itinerary component and identifying information for the selected at least one supplier; and optimizing the at least one travel request object, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claim 32, Vance discloses, tracking at least one time period selected from a group consisting of session periods, itinerary search time periods, result

expiration time periods, and at least one travel category search result time period, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claims 33 and 57, Vance discloses, maintaining at least one travel-special inventory for the at least one supplier, the at least one travel-special inventory is a current inventory of special deals on travel, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claims 34 and 58, Vance discloses, total number of travel suppliers to which the at least one query is transferred, a total number of travel supplier responses received, a total number of data items found, a total number of data items processed, and a total number of data items presented to the at least one user, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claim 35, Vance discloses, presenting the at least one user with at least one electronic link corresponding to each item of the at least one result list, wherein the at least one electronic link directs the at least one client computer to at least one page of a web site from which the item can be purchased, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claims 36-37, Vance discloses, web site is a supplier web site affiliated with the at least one server, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claims 38-39, Vance discloses, client computer comprises at least one processing device selected from a group consisting of personal computers, personal digital assistants, hand-held computers, cellular telephones, communication devices, and vehicle telematic systems on network, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claim 43, Vance discloses, one browser sub-window that is opened when the at least one user action includes enough information to be the at least one itinerary, wherein the sub-window accepts entry of the at least one itinerary component, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claim 44, Vance discloses, at least one user action contains enough information to be the at least one itinerary component, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claim 45, Vance discloses, received from at least one location selected from the at least one client computer, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claim 46, Vance discloses, coupling is established to the selected at least one supplier via the at least one network, wherein the establishment includes at least one method selected from a group consisting of requesting at least one web page from at least one web site of the at least one supplier, and using at least one proprietary coupling among the at least one supplier and at least one intermediary database, wherein the at least one intermediary database comprises information on available inventory of the at least one supplier, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claim 47, Vance discloses, client computer couples to the at least one server by dynamically constructing a name of the at least one server by concatenating string fragments including a string constant representing a fixed base part of a name of the at least one server, at least one random number converted into at least one character string, and a string constant representing at least one domain in which the at least one server is located, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claim 48, Vance discloses, server creates and populates at least one object in response to at least one request from at least one other logic section, wherein the at least one object is used in at least one session of the at least one user, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claim 49, Vance discloses, one user information object based on information of the at least one user, wherein the at least one user information object is stored in at least one database upon completion of the at least one session, wherein the factory logic searches the at least one database for the at least one user information object upon initiation of at least one subsequent session, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claims 50-51, Vance discloses, one session information object based on information of the at least one session, one travel request object based on information of the at least one itinerary component, wherein the at least one travel request object includes information identifying the at least one supplier, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claims 52-54, Vance discloses, query object that is instantiated with the at least one travel request object, upon instantiation the at least one travel query object obtains at least one thread and at least one search adapter for each of the at least one suppliers, wherein the at least one thread and the at least one search adapter control the transfer of the at least one query, at least one client computer and at least one electronic site from which the at least one user can purchase at least one selected itinerary component, wherein the at least one electronic site is selected from a group consisting of at least one supplier web site, at least one third party web site, at

least one interface among the at least one server and the at least one supplier, and at least one database, purchase of the at least one travel component is tracked and a proof of the purchase is maintained, see (FIG. 14C, col. 1, lines 41-65).

With respect to claim 56, Vance discloses, response is filtered using criteria selected from a group consisting of relative item pricing, preferences of the at least one user, personal information on the at least one user, sort criteria of the at least one user, past purchasing decisions of the at least one user, and past purchasing decisions of at least one aggregate group of users, see (FIG. 14C, col. 1, lines 41-65).

With respect to claim 59, Vance discloses, one user is presented with at least one electronic link corresponding to each item of the at least one result list, wherein the at least one electronic link directs the at least one client computer to at least one page of the corresponding supplier web site from which the item can be purchased, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

With respect to claim 63, Vance discloses, purchase information, query status information, and at least one electronic link that supports purchase of the at least one itinerary component, see (fig. 14D, col. 4, lines 1-59, col. 11, lines 40-67 to col. 12, lines 1-34).

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isaac M Woo whose telephone number is (571) 272-4043. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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